

Fort Meade & Hot Springs, SD

PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency with an Emphasis in Primary Care



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The VA Black Hills Health Care System is located in the beautiful Black Hills of western South Dakota, where we are known for our blue skies, pine forests, rich history, moderate climate and friendly western hospitality. VA Black Hills provides primary and secondary medical and surgical care, along with residential rehabilitation treatment program (RRTP) services, extended nursing home care and tertiary psychiatric inpatient care services, for veterans residing in South Dakota and portions of Nebraska, Wyoming, North Dakota and Montana. Care to over 20,000 veterans is delivered though the Fort Meade (near Sturgis) and Hot Springs VA Medical Centers, as well as through a number of community based outpatient and rural health clinics. VA Black Hills is a part of the VA Midwest Health Care Network.

Clinical Pharmacy Services

Pharmacy is involved in all aspects of medication management. With the implementation of physician order entry, barcode technology, robotics, and technical support for distributive functions, all of our pharmacists are able to focus on clinical activities.

The Hot Springs campus has ten Clinical Pharmacy Specialists (CPS) and six technicians. Fort Meade campus has eighteen CPS and eleven technicians. There are also three SDSU College of Pharmacy faculty and two residents. The pharmacies are staffed Monday through Friday from 730a-515p, with limited holidays and weekends.

Educational Affiliations

The VA Black Hills Health Care System is a teaching and research institution affiliated with South Dakota State University Colleges of Pharmacy and Nursing, The University of South Dakota School of Medicine, and Western Dakota Technical Institute.



Hot Springs Campus



Fort Meade Campus

Residency Experiences

The goal of the VA Black Hills residency program is to expand the resident's knowledge and hone the skills necessary to provide high quality, compassionate pharmaceutical care as an integral member of the health care team. It is designed to prepare pharmacists for advanced level practice in an ambulatory care setting. Ideal candidates will be motivated, flexible, and able to provide feedback to help us shape our program. The training program will strive to meet the individual needs of the resident. Components of the residency program may include:

Ambulatory Care Practice:

- **Primary Care**
- Cardiac Risk Reduction
- **Chronic Disease Management**
 - o COPD
 - Diabetes
 - Heart failure
- Hepatitis C
- Home Based Primary Care
- Long Term Care
- **Medication Management**
 - Anticoagulation
 - Lipids
 - Hypertension
 - Medication Reconciliation
- Nephrology/Dialysis (Hot Springs)
- Oncology
- Pain Management
- Pharmacy Tele-health
- Psychiatry
 - Substance Abuse
 - PTSD

Acute Care Practice:

- Internal Medicine 1 (Hot Springs and Fort Meade)
- Internal Medicine 2 (Fort Meade)
- Critical Care (Fort Meade)
- Mental Health/Substance Abuse
- Surgery (Fort Meade)

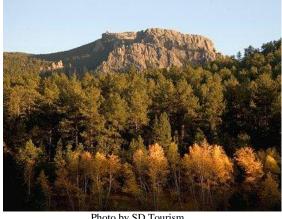


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Practice Management: During this time, the resident will become familiar with all aspects of pharmacy management. Topics covered include budgeting, personnel management, regulatory requirements, and medical informatics.

Drug Information: Activities include but are not limited to answering drug information requests, utilizing various information resources, participating in journal club, developing medication use policies, performing drug usage evaluations, attending P&T (or PBM) Committee meetings, evaluating adverse drug events, and providing educational presentations to colleagues, including one grand rounds presentation.

Residency Project: Residents will design, implement, and complete a project of their choice in conjunction with a project advisor. The project will be presented at the Midwest Residency Conference and be publishable.

Teaching opportunities: Educational affiliations will provide opportunities for the resident to precept pharmacy students and teach didactic or lab classes.

Clinical meetings: Along with local resident and staff meetings, the resident will be expected to attend weekly grand rounds, ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting, Midwest Residency Conference, South Dakota State Associations annual meeting, and local VISN 23 formulary meetings.

Hours, Salary, and Benefits

Hours for the residents will be 7:30a-5p Monday through Friday with limited assigned holidays and weekends. Residents will receive a stipend of approximately \$40,000 which will include salary plus health and life insurance. Fringe benefits include 13 days of paid leave, 13 days of paid sick leave, 10 paid holidays, paid administrative leave for clinical meetings, lab coat, and free parking. On-site housing is available at a reduced rate in our student apartments. If interested, please inquire at interview.

Start Date and Duration

We have two positions, one at each medical center that will begin the pay period closest to July 1st.

Federal Employment

Appointment is contingent upon completion of a physical exam, including negative drug test. Applicants must meet requirements for federal employment. Residents are required to obtain a pharmacist's license in any state within 3 months of appointment.

As a federal employee, you can practice pharmacy with an active pharmacy license from any US state. VA clinical pharmacy specialists and residents use their prescribing privileges in collaboration with the medical team to help optimize patient care and reach treatment goals.

Area Attractions

For more information on area attractions, visit www.blackhillsbadlands.com or www.blackhillsbadlands.com

How to apply

Application requirements:

- U.S. Citizenship
- Letter of intent
- Curriculum vitae
- College transcripts
- Three letters of recommendation
- Residency Matching Program participant
- VA Application: www.va.gov/vaforms/medical/pdf/vha-10-2850c-fill.pdf

Application Deadline: January 15th

Interview Notification Date: Candidates will be notified of interview status no later than February 15.

Please submit application to:

Kelly Moran, PharmD VA BHHCS Pharmacy 500 North 5th Street Hot Springs, SD 57747 Phone: 1-800-764-5370 ext. 2338

Email: Kelly.moran@va.gov



Match Rules:

This residency site agrees that no person at this site will solicit, accept, or use any ranking related information from any residency applicant